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THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) 20th April 1944.

		RS.
" (b)	1944	1,510
	1945	2,061
	1946	2,055
	1947	1,495
" (c)	1944	38
	1945	44
	1946	63
	1947	36

" (d) Statistics of the number of inspection notes issued have not been kept by the Inspector."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is there not a specific rule that the same officer should not continue in any particular department for more than three years? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" There is no specific rule but for the covenience of the administration, they may be continued for more than three years."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is he still continuing in that office."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is not the Inspector of Municipal Councils expected to pay at least one visit in a year to a municipality."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" He is expected as far as possible; but when it is impossible, he will direct his deputy in the interests of administrative convenience."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not the experience of some of the departments to change officers every three years seeing that if allowed to remain in one place for more than three years, he is likely to develop prejudice or bias and that is the reason why Judicial Officers are transferred once in three years?"

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" There are no allegations against him and so far the administration has been carried on efficiently and I do not think there is any necessity to transfer him."

Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board.

11-15 a.m. * 65 Q.—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board, Tiruturaipundi taluk, Tanjore district, was superseded by the Inspector of Local Boards in exercise of the powers delegated

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to him by the Government and necessary notifications were published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and, if so, the date on which the notification superseding the above Panchayat Board was published; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board was superseded by the Inspector of Local Boards without issuing a notice to show cause why the said Panchayat Board should not be superseded as laid down under the provisions of the Madras Local Boards Act?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) A notification superseding the Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board was published by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th September 1947, by mistake. The mistake was due to a clerical error. As soon as the mistake was detected on 13th September 1947, the correction was issued and also published in the Gazette."

Alteration in the regulations for recruitment of District Panchayat Officers.

* 66 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether regulations regarding methods of recruitment, etc., of the District Panchayat Officers have been recently altered;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the changes to the existing regulations are;

(*c*) whether the proposed amendments contemplate creation of two grades of panchayat officers;

(*d*) what the number of panchayat officers in each grade will be and on what basis such numbers have been determined;

(*e*) whether the existing panchayat officers who have put in a certain number of years of satisfactory service will automatically get into the higher grade;

(*f*) if the answer to (*e*) is in the affirmative, who the authority is who will declare the completion of such satisfactory service;

(*g*) whether these panchayat officers will be treated as Government servants subject to rules and regulations prescribed for Government servants; and

(*h*) whether the recruitment and promotions of panchayat officers are to be subject to the recommendations of the Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI:—" (*a*) Yes.